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## **BY ECF**

Honorable William F. Kuntz, II United States District Judge United States Courthouse 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

> Re: <u>United States v. Akmal Zakirov</u> 15 CR 95

Your Honor:

Please be advised that on Sunday, April 17, 2016, while visiting my client at the MDC in Brooklyn, he advised me that he no longer wishes to have me represent him. There have been ongoing issues between us for some time and he believes that he would be better represented by another lawyer. I advised Mr. Zakirov that I would write to the court and he advised me that he had already written a letter to the court but had not yet mailed it and would allow me to notify Your Honor.

I await notification from the court as to how Your Honor wishes to proceed.

Respectfully,

/S/ Lee Ginsberg

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cc: All counsel by ECF